

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A settlement system using purchase information, comprising:

an information distribution apparatus including:

a first purchase information memory configured to store a purchase information ~~used by~~ usable by a user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service in a sales apparatus situated at a seller location;

a purchase information selection unit configured to select the purchase information ~~to be distributed for distribution~~ distributed for distribution to a terminal apparatus associated with ~~of~~ the user from said first purchase information memory;

a first communication unit coupled to a wireless connection, configured to send the selected purchase information to the terminal apparatus, and to receive use log information reflecting as a use result of the sent purchase information from the terminal apparatus; and

a first use log memory configured to store a use record of the sent purchase information ~~for each user~~ according to the use log information;

the terminal apparatus ~~of the user~~ including:

a second first communication unit coupled to a wireless connection;

a second purchase information memory configured to store the purchase information sent by the information distribution apparatus, the purchase information sent by the information distribution apparatus being received by the second ~~through said first~~ communication unit;

a display unit configured to display the purchase information stored in said second purchase information memory;

an operation unit configured to select ~~the purchase information from among~~ displayed purchase information, the ~~selected~~ purchase information selected by the operation unit being sent to the sales apparatus wirelessly through said second ~~first~~ communication unit in response to an operation performed by the user when the user purchases the commodity or utilizes the service at the seller location; and

a second use log memory configured to store ~~use log information~~ as a use result of the purchase information sent by the terminal apparatus, the use result sent by the sales apparatus and received through said second communication unit, the use log information reflecting the use result and being sent to the information distribution apparatus through said second ~~first~~ communication unit; and

the sales apparatus including:

a third ~~second~~ communication unit coupled to a wireless connection ~~configured to communicate with the terminal apparatus of the user~~;

a purchase information decision unit configured to determine ~~decide~~ a classification of the purchase information sent by the terminal apparatus and received through said third ~~second~~ communication unit;

a settlement program memory configured to store a plurality of settlement programs each corresponding to ~~a each classification of the~~ purchase information classification; and

a settlement unit configured to select a settlement program corresponding to the classification determined ~~of the purchase information decided~~ by said purchase information decision unit from the plurality of settlement programs, and execute a settlement processing of

~~the~~ purchase information sent by the terminal apparatus by using the settlement program, the a use result ~~of the purchase information~~ reflecting the settlement processing and being sent to the terminal apparatus through said third ~~second~~ communication unit.

2. (Original) The settlement system according to claim 1, wherein the purchase information is coupon information to receive a service such as a commodity discount or a gift,

the information distribution apparatus comprises one of a server to distribute the coupon information, an Internet terminal connected to the server, and a base station of information source, and

the settlement program is a coupon settlement program to execute a discount settlement or a gift selection for a commodity of the coupon information.

3. (Original) The settlement system according to claim 2, wherein the coupon information includes a purchase information identifier, an object commodity name, a privilege, an object store name, and a classification name.

4. (Currently amended) The settlement system according to claim 1, wherein, ~~in the information distribution apparatus, said~~ first purchase information memory stores location information of each object store included in ~~the~~ coupon information, and

said purchase information selection unit sends the coupon information of which the location information of the object store neighbors with a location of the terminal apparatus of the user when said first communication unit receives the location of the terminal apparatus.

5. (Original) The settlement system according to claim 1, wherein the use log information includes a purchase information identifier, a user identifier of the terminal apparatus, a store identifier used for the purchase information, and a use date.

6. (Currently amended) The settlement system according to claim 1, wherein ~~in the information distribution apparatus, said~~ purchase information selection unit sends new purchase information to the terminal apparatus of a particular user through said first communication unit if said purchase information memory stores the use log information of the particular user.

7. (Currently amended) The settlement system according to claim 1, wherein ~~in the terminal apparatus, said~~ the operation unit inputs a selection condition for the user to receive the purchase information on said display unit, and ~~in the information distribution apparatus, said~~ purchase information selection unit sends new purchase information to the terminal apparatus of the user through said first communication unit if said purchase information memory stores the new purchase information matched with the selection condition.

8. (Currently amended) The settlement system according to claim 1, wherein,
~~in the terminal apparatus, said~~ the display unit displays ~~the~~ coupon information usable by
the sales apparatus when the terminal apparatus is wirelessly connected to the sales apparatus,
and
said second communication unit sends the coupon information to the sales apparatus
when said operation unit indicates the coupon information to be used by the sales apparatus on
said display unit.

9. (Currently amended) The settlement system according to claim 1, wherein
the purchase information is recommendation information for the seller ~~store~~ utilized by a
user,

the information distribution apparatus comprises ~~compares~~ one of a server to distribute
the recommendation information ~~of the word of mouth~~, an internet terminal connected to the
server, and a base station of information source, and

the settlement program is a program to issue a proof of coming to the seller location ~~store~~
or a proof of purchase in order to send the proof to the terminal apparatus.

10. (Currently amended) The settlement system according to claim 9,
wherein the recommendation information ~~of word of mouth~~ includes a purchase
information identifier, an object store name, and a classification name.

11. (Original) The settlement system according to claim 1, wherein the purchase information is a prize information, the information distribution apparatus is one of a server to distribute the prize information, an internet terminal connected to the server, and a base station of information source, and the settlement program is a program to issue a prize point if an object commodity of the prize is included in settlement commodities or if an object service of the prize is included in settlement services.

12. (Original) The settlement system according to claim 11, wherein the prize information includes an identifier, an object commodity name, a number of obtained points, a number of necessary points, and a classification name, and the prize point is sent as the use log information from the information distribution apparatus to the terminal apparatus of the user, and stored in said use log memory in the terminal apparatus.

13. (Original) The settlement system according to claim 12, wherein in the terminal apparatus, the prize information and the prize point are sent to the information distribution apparatus in order to proceed a subscription of the prize if the prize point stored in said use log memory satisfies the number of necessary points described in the prize information.

14. (Currently amended) The settlement system according to claim 1, wherein the purchase information is use registration information for a user to count a use frequency in the sales apparatus,

the information distribution apparatus comprises one of a server to distribute the use registration information, an internet terminal connected to the server, and a base station of information source, and

the settlement program is a program to vary a winning probability of a ~~the~~ prize according to the use frequency sent by the terminal apparatus of a user when an object commodity is purchased or an object service is utilized by the user.

15. (Original) The settlement system according to claim 14, wherein the use registration information including the use frequency is sent from the terminal apparatus of the user to the sales apparatus when the object commodity is purchased or the object service is utilized by the user in the sales apparatus, and

updated use frequency as the use result is sent from the sales apparatus to the terminal apparatus, and stored in said use log memory in the terminal apparatus.

16. (Original) The settlement system according to claim 1, wherein the purchase information is course information from a present location to a destination of a user,

the information distribution apparatus comprises a server to distribute the course information in response to information of the present location and the destination sent by the terminal apparatus of the user,

the sales apparatus comprises an automatic ticket vending machine,

the settlement program is a program to calculate a fare corresponding to the course information sent by the terminal apparatus when the user of the terminal apparatus purchases a ticket to the destination from the automatic ticket vending machine.

17. (Original) The settlement system according to claim 16,

wherein the automatic ticket vending machine turns on a light of a purchase button corresponding to the fare on a panel including a plurality of purchase buttons each corresponding to a different fare.

18. (Original) The settlement system according to claim 1, wherein the purchase information is payment request information for a purchase procedure executed between an electronic trade server and a terminal apparatus of a user, the information distribution apparatus comprises the electronic trade server, and the settlement program is a program to receive a price and execute a settlement in response to the payment request information sent by the terminal apparatus when the user pays an amount of money described in the payment request to the sales apparatus as a payment counter.

19. (Original) The settlement system according to claim 18, wherein the payment request information includes a purchase information identifier, a payment request number, an amount of money, and a classification name.

20. (Original) The settlement system according to claim 19, wherein the sales apparatus sends a proof of payment to the terminal apparatus, and sends settlement information including the payment request number to the electronic trade server after the sales apparatus receives the amount of money from the user and executes a settlement of the payment.

21. (Currently amended) The settlement system according to claim 1, ~~in~~ wherein the information distribution apparatus[[,]] further comprises: ~~comprising~~

a use log analysis unit configured to analyze ~~for analyzing~~ a comment of the use log information of each user and generate ~~generating~~ a selection condition of each user to select suitable purchase information according to the analysis result, and

wherein said purchase information selection unit selects the purchase information from said purchase information memory according to the selection condition.

22. (Original) The settlement system according to claim 21, wherein the use log information includes a purchase information identifier, a user identifier, and the comment of the user of the terminal apparatus, and

the selection condition includes the user identifier, and a condition representing a tendency of the user in comparison with other users.

23. (Currently amended) The settlement system according to claim 1, ~~in~~ the information distribution apparatus[[,]] further comprising a use log ~~for~~ counting unit configured to sum ~~sums in~~ the use log information for each of a plurality of seller locations ~~store~~ each of which makes a contract of distribution of purchase information, and to output ~~for outputting~~ a request of charge of distribution based on the sum result to the sales apparatus of each seller location ~~store~~.

24. (Currently amended) A settlement system using purchase information, comprising:

a portable terminal apparatus ~~of~~ associated with a user and operable to perform wireless communication, the portable terminal apparatus configured to receive purchase information ~~used~~ usable by the user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service, store the purchase information in a memory, and send comment information related to the commodity purchased or the service utilized by the user;

an information distribution apparatus ~~of~~ associated with a purchase information trader and operable to perform wireless communication, the information distribution apparatus configured to receive the comment information sent by the portable terminal apparatus, distribute the purchase information presented by a commodity sales or service trader and the comment information related to the purchase information to the portable terminal apparatus, and manage a frequency of use of the purchase information and the comment information; and

a sales apparatus, ~~of~~ located at a seller site, associated with the commodity sales or service trader and operable to perform wireless communication, the sales apparatus configured to execute a settlement and a proof of purchasing a commodity or utilizing a service according to the purchase information stored in the portable terminal apparatus in response to an operation by the user performed when the user purchases the commodity or utilizes the service at the seller site,

wherein said information distribution apparatus varies a charge of the purchase information trader to collect from the commodity sales or service trader according to the frequency of use of the purchase information and the comment information ~~utilized~~.

25. (Currently amended) An information distribution apparatus, comprising:
- a purchase information memory configured to store purchase information ~~used~~ usable by a user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service in a sales apparatus at a seller site;
 - a purchase information selection unit configured to select the purchase information to be distributed to a terminal apparatus associated with ~~of~~ the user from said purchase information memory;
 - a communication unit coupled to a wireless connection configured to send the selected purchase information to the terminal apparatus and receive use log information reflecting a result of ~~as a use result~~ of the selected purchase information from the terminal apparatus; and
 - a use log memory configured to store a use record of the selected purchase information for each user according to the use log information.

26. (Currently amended) A terminal apparatus of a user, comprising:

a communication unit coupled to a wireless connection;

a purchase information memory configured to store purchase information sent by an information distribution apparatus through said communication unit, the purchase information being ~~used~~ usable by the user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service in a sales apparatus located at a seller site;

a display unit configured to display the purchase information stored in said purchase information memory;

an operation unit configured to select the purchase information from the displayed purchase information, the selected purchase information being sent to the sales apparatus through said communication unit in response to a user operation performed when the user purchases the commodity or utilizes the service at the seller site; and

a use log memory configured to store use log information as a use result of the purchase information sent by the sales apparatus through said communication unit, the use log information being sent to the information distribution apparatus through said communication unit.

27. (Currently amended) A sales apparatus, located at a seller site, comprising:[]:]
- a communication unit having a wireless connection ~~configured to communicate with a terminal apparatus of a user;~~
- a purchase information decision unit configured to decide a classification of purchase information sent by ~~a the~~ terminal apparatus associated with a user through said communication unit when the user purchases a commodity or utilizes a service at the seller site;
- a settlement program memory configured to store a plurality of settlement programs each corresponding to each classification of the purchase information; and
- a settlement unit configured to select a settlement program corresponding to the classification of the purchase information decided by said purchase information decision unit from the plurality of settlement programs, and execute a settlement processing of the purchase information by using the settlement program, a use result of the purchase information being sent to the terminal apparatus through said communication unit.

28. (Currently amended) A method for distributing purchase information ~~An information distribution method~~, comprising the steps of:

- storing, in a memory of a computer, purchase information ~~used~~ usable by a user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service;
- selecting, from the memory, purchase information to be distributed to a terminal apparatus ~~of~~ associated with the user;
- sending the selected purchase information to the terminal apparatus via a wireless communication;
- receiving use log information reflecting a result of as a use ~~result~~ of the selected purchase information from the terminal apparatus via the wireless communication; and
- storing, in the memory, a use record of the selected purchase information for each user according to the use log information.

29. (Currently amended) A ~~terminal~~ method for utilizing purchase information in a terminal apparatus associated with a user, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

storing, in a memory of the terminal apparatus, purchase information sent by an information distribution apparatus, the purchase information being ~~used~~ usable by the user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service in a sales apparatus located at a seller site;

displaying the stored purchase information;

selecting purchase information from the displayed purchase information;

sending the selected purchase information to the sales apparatus via a wireless communication in response to an operation performed by the user when the user purchases the commodity or utilizes the service at the seller site;

storing, in the memory, use log information as a use result of the selected purchase information sent by the sales apparatus; and

sending the use log information to the information distribution apparatus via the wireless communication.

30. (Currently amended) In a computer located at a seller site, A sales a method for settling, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, via a wireless communication, purchase information sent by a terminal apparatus of associated with a user when the user purchases a commodity or utilizes a service at a seller site;

determining ~~deciding~~ a classification of the purchase information;

selecting a settlement program corresponding to the classification of the purchase information ~~form~~ from a plurality of ~~stored~~ settlement programs stored in a memory;

executing settlement processing of the purchase information using the settlement program; and

sending, via the wireless communication, a use result of the purchase information to the terminal apparatus.

31. (Currently amended) A computer-readable ~~memory~~ medium containing ~~computer-readable~~ instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method, the method comprising:

~~storing an instruction unit for causing a computer to store~~ purchase information ~~used~~ usable by a user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service in a sales apparatus located a store;

~~selecting an instruction unit for causing a computer to select~~ purchase information to be distributed to a terminal apparatus of the user;

~~sending an instruction unit for causing a computer to send~~ the selected purchase information to the terminal apparatus via a wireless communication;

~~receiving an instruction unit for causing a computer to receive~~ a use log information reflecting a result of as a use ~~result~~ of the selected purchase information from the terminal apparatus via the wireless communication; and

~~storing an instruction unit for causing a computer to store~~ a use record of the selected purchase information for each user according to the use log information.

32. (Currently amended) A computer-readable ~~memory~~ medium containing ~~computer-readable~~ instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method, the method comprising:

~~storing an instruction unit for causing a computer to store~~ purchase information sent by an information distribution apparatus, the purchase information being ~~used~~ usable by a user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service in a sales apparatus located at store;

~~displaying an instruction unit for causing a computer to display~~ the stored purchase information;

~~selecting an instruction unit for causing a computer to select~~ the purchase information from the displayed purchase information;

~~sending an instruction unit for causing a computer to send~~ the selected purchase information to the sales apparatus via a wireless communication in response to an operation performed by the user when the user purchases the commodity or utilizes the service at the store;

~~storing an instruction unit for causing a computer to store~~ use log information as a use result of the selected purchase information sent by the sales apparatus; and

~~sending an instruction unit for causing a computer to send~~ the use log information to the information distribution apparatus by the wireless communication.

33. (Currently amended) A computer-readable ~~memory~~ medium containing ~~computer-readable~~ instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method, the method comprising:

~~receiving an instruction unit for causing a computer to receive~~ purchase information sent by a terminal apparatus ~~of~~ associated with a user via a wireless communication when the user purchases a commodity or utilizes a service at a store where the computer system is located;

~~determining an instruction unit for causing a computer to decide~~ a classification of the purchase information;

~~selecting an instruction unit for causing a computer to select~~ a settlement program corresponding to the classification of the purchase information from a plurality of settlement programs stored;

~~executing an instruction unit for causing a computer to execute~~ a settlement processing of the purchase information by using the selected settlement program, and

~~sending an instruction unit for causing a computer to send~~ a use result of the purchase information to the terminal apparatus via the wireless communication.